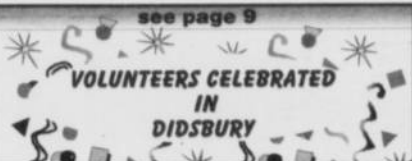


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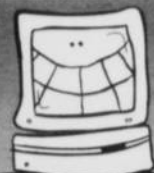


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Limousine team ...

Youth Connections celebrated its grand opening in style by driving these DHS winners of the 'Dream Career' essay contest around town in Mike Nickerson's Long Horn Limo. The centre for employment is a new, permanent program of Alberta Human Resources and Employment and supports youth of the ages 16 to 24.

County forced to remove \$305,000 from budget

by Richard Westlund

After being presented with a budget that was \$305,000 in the hole, County Council was forced to adopt changes to bring the numbers into line.

Council sat down with the budget that was described as a work in progress on Tuesday and after five significant changes, they were able to pass a balanced budget on Wednesday.

The first major step council took to free up some extra dollars was to change the salvage value figure of equipment in the budget from 15 per cent to 20 per cent. The move freed up \$85,000. Director of Finance for the County Bryn Jones said the 15 per cent value was an overly conservative figure given recent experiences in equipment sales.

Council also removed a \$5,000 transfer to the Administration Building-Mechanical reserve as it was deemed unlikely to be necessary any longer.

The third move made by Council was to fund the County portion of the Little Red Deer River project with

reserve monies rather than having it listed in the operating budget. That took another \$17,447 out of the operating budget.

The fourth item brought up for the chopping block was a floater grader which council approved in an attempt to cut back on overtime. Initially two floater graders were put in the budget but Council went through with the move after a 5-2 vote.

"The Finance Committee proposed that the balance of the budget shortfall, about \$139,000, be funded from potential savings that could come from completing base course work in a different manner than we do now," said Jones in a handout to the press. "The alternative preferred by council was that Gravel Pit Stripping and Gravel Pit Reclamation budgets were higher than usual, and that these areas should be funded with reserves."

Council was able to save \$140,000 in the operating budget by their fifth move.

Some councillors also had a problem with \$30,000 set aside in the budget for a communications person.

Councillor Dave Derksen made the motion to take the line out of the budget but it was defeated in a 4-3 vote.

After finally approving the budget on Wednesday, council took time to make comments on the budget.

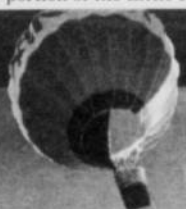
Reeve Ian Harvey said he witnessed important discussion over the two-day period and commended the Councillors for being able to come up with a budget that would not see a rise in the mill rates.

Derksen was less happy with the budget cuts.

"I will support the budget," he said. "But we have taken from some very significant areas in service. Let's be very careful that we watch that. We could hurt ourselves with some things. It has hurt us in the past and it could happen again."

Councillor Pat James responded to that comment by expressing that he thought the two days were filled with healthy discussion.

"I think we had some very important votes and I think it is a healthy budget. We are going to make this budget work."



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Albertans will pay less education and property tax

Most Albertans will pay less education property tax this year due to a \$135 million reduction being implemented by the province. As a result of this reduction, the province has also set the uniform provincial education property tax rates at 5.62 mills for residential properties and farms, and 8.25 mills for non-residential properties. This is a drop from the 2000 rates of 6.77 and 9.94 respectively.

"This reduction puts \$135 million back in the pockets of hard-working Albertans," said Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Guy Boutillier. "As a result of continued growth throughout the province, all Albertans should see lower education tax bills in 2001. Many Albertans will see a substantial reduction."

To achieve the \$135 million reduction, the 2001 education requisitions to municipalities

will be based on the lesser of the following:

- A 2.5 per cent reduction from the previous year.
- An average of the 1999, 2000 and 2001 equalized assessment.

- A municipality's 2001 equalized assessment

This program is in place for 2001.

About 75 per cent of municipalities will see their residential education requisition

reduced by more than 10 per cent. The remaining municipalities will see reduction of between 2.5 per cent and 10 per cent. Some 81 per cent of municipalities will see their non-residential requisitions reduced by more than 10 per cent.

The \$135 million reduction in education property taxes was announced last September.

Also announced at that

time was that the province was freezing the amount it collects at \$1.2 billion for future years.

"The committee is delivering on this government's commitment to Albertans," said Tarchuk. "As a result, Albertans should continue to see their school taxes go down."

Planned spending on education will not be affected by this decrease.

New 4-H scholarships for Olds Agriculture students

Twelve students at Olds College and a similar number at five other agriculture schools in Alberta will receive new scholarship funding this fall. The 4-H Foundation of Alberta and Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development (AAFRD) are investing more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship support over the next five years.

The funding will provide tuition-based awards for students

in programs leading to a certificate, college diploma, college applied degree, university degree or post graduate studies directly related to agriculture or agribusiness.

Each school will choose the recipients based on a mix of community involvement and scholastic achievement. Students must be in at least their second year of studies to

qualify. The awards are valued at \$2500 for college students and \$3500 for university students.

The awards are created as a strong incentive to attract and retain in agriculture/horticulture and agribusiness programs and meet future employment needs in these sectors.

In addition to Olds College, the awards will be available to students at Fairview College,

Lakeland College, Lethbridge Community College, the University of Lethbridge and the University of Alberta. Although the program is administered by the 4-H Foundation of Alberta, awards are available to all students in appropriate programs.

Students can apply for the new scholarships through Olds College Client Services or at the five other post-secondary institutions, Alberta 4-H offices or the 4-H Foundation of Alberta. Application deadline is October 2001.

For more information contact Olds College at 1-800-661-6537 or (403) 556-8285 or the 4-H Foundation of Alberta at (780) 682-2153.

In the courts

Drunk driver hit pedestrian

A drunk driver who hit a pedestrian on an Olds street, breaking four of the victim's ribs, will be sentenced in June.

Blair Herbert Nisbet, 24, pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to a charge of impaired driving causing bodily harm.

Nisbet's preliminary hearing was scheduled for Monday, but he changed his plea.

The accused was driving in Olds at about 3:15 a.m. on August 27, 2000 when he clipped the victim with his truck's mirror, Crown prosecutor G. Coombe told Judge C. Daniel.

The accused then drove away from the scene.

The victim was walking on the street just off the curb at the time.

When the accused arrived at his parents' home in Olds moments after the accident, his father called police, court heard.

The accused had been drinking in three bars prior to the accident, said Coombe, adding several witnesses were prepared to testify the accused was drunk at the time.

The victim told Judge Daniel he still suffers some discomfort as a result of the accident.

Speaking in open court, the accused told the victim, "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to do it."

Judge Daniel ordered a pre-sentence report prepared on the accused.

Nisbet will be back in court on June 6 for sentencing.

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County scraps plans to close Amerada Road access

by Richard Westlund

County Council unanimously defeated a by-law that would have seen the access from Amerada Road to Highway #2 closed during second reading at last week's Council meeting.

Council received seven letters in opposition to the road closure, a petition with 27 names on it and heard from five speakers in the gallery also opposed to the road closure before making the decision to scrap the proposed plan to close access to Amerada Road from the main highway.

"It's just not an option," said Councillor Pat James who proposed the by-law last November.

James made the motion to strike down the by-law after the gallery speakers had made their respective cases.

Initially the reason for the road closures was to prevent dust from heavy traffic on Amerada road. James said that the Dust Control Policy that was passed earlier in the meeting would help alleviate the problem.

Those opposing the road closure cited several reasons for wanting the access to remain open. Increased driving times to Olds, the movement of farm machinery to Olds over the overpasses being dangerous and not having access to Highway #2 in the wintertime which is plowed more frequently than gravel roads after a snow storm concerned local residents.

Gene Hammer, owner of the Berry Delicious Market Garden read the letter he submitted to council at the council meeting. He said that if the Amerada road was closed he would lose business from the city.

"If a location has poor access, the business will have a difficult time to survive because studies show people will drive an extra 20 miles on pavement to avoid one extra mile on gravel roads that may be muddy.

"If the Amerada Road access on Highway #2 is closed our customer base from the south (approx. two-thirds) will probably show a drastic reduction."

After the decision to leave the access open, Hammer said he was pleased to see that a process was followed and that Council had made a decision that reflected the wishes of the residents that would have been affected.

"I am very happy that when presented with the facts they were decent and they made the right decision.

"I was very worried that they were going to push this through without opinion."

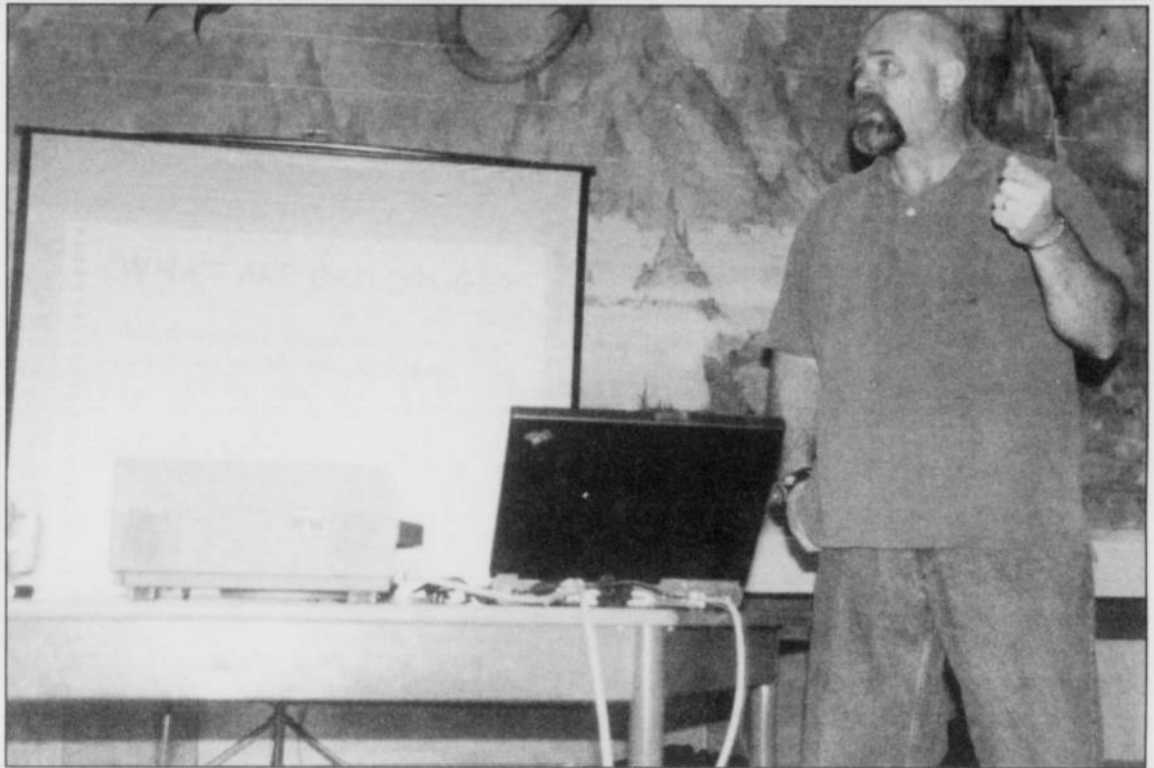


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Serious issue ...

Steve Walton, a drug unit expert with the Calgary Police Force, gave a presentation about drugs and their affects to Westglen students and parents. His talk came down to choices he thought the kids would one day have to make. Principal Phil Corning said the sessions raised awareness among students and that was evident with questions and discussion they brought back to their teachers. While the majority of the presentation focused on marijuana, Corning said he plans on having Walton back to give another presentation about the drug ecstasy.

Recreation a focal issue for councillors

by Richard Westlund

County Council went into discussions regarding the possibility of a new recreation policy and have decided that further discussion will be needed.

Focusing on how funds should be distributed, the definition of recreation and the amount of funds that should be allotted to recreation Council discussed alternatives to the way funds are currently handled.

Councillor Sheila Lockrem said she believed that the .2 mills which is set aside for recreation in the budget should be handed over to the people handling it (rec boards) and let them deal with how the spend it.

"Give them the money and let them do with it what they want. I think we should get right out of it and let them do their recreation."

But Lockrem's main feelings had more to do with recreation being a much bigger issue than other areas the County deals with.

"We put more money into recreation than we do into senior's housing. I don't think we need to increase funds and these people should be told they get more than seniors."

Some discussion was made towards the elimination of recreation boards.

"The need for recreation boards, other than Cremona, may not be necessary with the revised recreation agreements handled by administrations and rural funding requests being made directly to the



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Council is currently discussing how they should approach recreation in the future which could affect how projects, like the water slide at the local pool, are funded.

County," stated the agenda under the heading Recreation Boards.

The agenda also stated that discussions should be started with Didsbury, Sundre and Carstairs to work towards developing recreation agreements. Currently the County is in negotiations with Olds to come up with an agreement.

The current recreation funding distribution was based on a combination of assessment and rural population in each recreation district.

Reeve Ian Harvey said the

discussions around a proper policy have been ongoing. He stated that he has been disappointed that urban centres have not come to the table to help hammer out something appropriate.

"We have a problem and we have asked them to help out with the solution," said Harvey adding that no one has stepped up to the discussion table. "We have tried to be fair and reasonable but it never seems reasonable."

Councillor Pat James agreed that there has been little coop-

erative discussion in this issue.

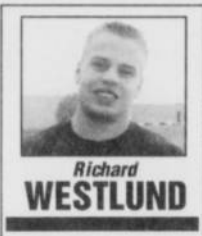
"It's to their (urban) advantage to keep us fragmented," said James adding that he thought money should go support the items where there is a "need" attached.

Councillor Dave Derksen seemed to think the issue was being overcomplicated.

"Give the money to the urban people, blink our eyes at the way they want to spend it and make sure there is enough left over for the rural people and all of your problems will go away," said Derksen.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Recreation policy



Richard
WESTLUND

The issue of recreation has entered County Council chambers once again.

A lengthy debate on how to handle recreation funding, what exactly constitutes recreation and how much should be allotted to recreation happened at last week's council meeting and future discussion on the issue will be held at a later date.

"Fair share" was a phrase used often in discussions and obviously a formula has to be worked out to determine this. County residents use the town amenities as much as an urban person would and should pay accordingly. I grew up in the County and I played on the ball diamonds in Carstairs, in the hockey arenas and took my swimming lessons at the old Didsbury pool.

Currently the County is in negotiations with Olds to implement a funding deal and they would like to reach similar pacts with other municipalities. Long term rules would be of benefit to those who spend their time trying to create better amenities for the County as they would know the rules when they are playing the funding game.

Another issue of debate was how it should be determined what project should receive what funding. Council should make a policy that rewards the projects that take it upon themselves to raise funds for what they would like to build. If they are able to accomplish that somehow, recreation dollars will be used more effectively and more projects could benefit from recreation funding.

The ratepayer also would win because ultimately we are paying for these projects and the County has an obligation to keep our taxes as low as they can.

Recreation is important to town and country folk alike. While policy may need to be developed to control how dollars are spent, we should not stop putting dollars towards recreation.

ponderings of the heart

"What is Love"

by Margaret Fradley

Recently, I had the privilege of speaking on the subject of "love" to two different groups of people. The first, a group of Seniors in a lodge; the second a girls group ages from nine to thirteen. What a challenge. How does one prepare and make meaningful a talk on "love"? I asked a number of adults for a definition of love, some needed more time to think about it; others found it difficult.

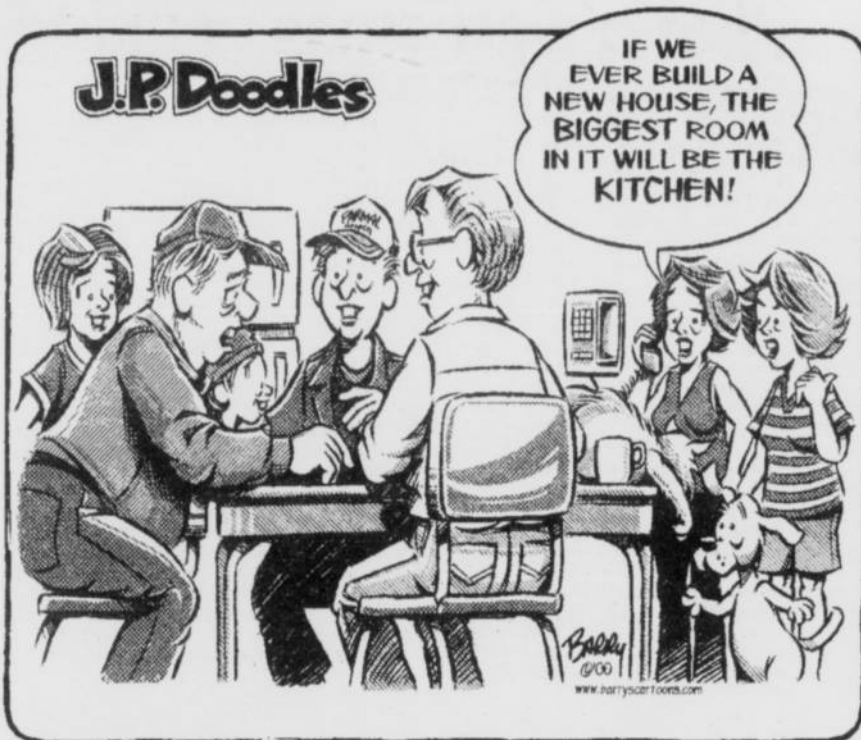
I asked the young girls: mentioned perhaps they loved to skate; loved to read; I shared my husband loves 'pecan pie' but how would they define love? Up went the hands, one young girl felt it was "when we are accepted for who we are": I further asked "How could someone show you love, without using the words "I love you." Another hand shot up "with a hug." I was so impressed with these dear girls.

We shared that sometimes "showing love" is harder in our own homes. We feel safe there and know we will be loved anyway; we shared about showing love to others at school that were perhaps different and were picked on.

We are reminded "not to love only in word and tongue, but in deed and truth."

Then we shared the greatest love, that of the Father who gave his son to die on the cross for us, exchanging our sin which he took upon himself for the righteousness of God.

We are to love us as He loves us.



Let's Talk Taxes

Alberta must be responsible with tax dollars, even in the good times

Dear Minister Nelson,

Regarding this Tuesday's budget, rumors abound that Alberta's surplus might exceed \$10 billion. While it doesn't look like oil and gas prices will drop sharply in the near future, you and your colleagues in the Klein cabinet really are on a fiscal Temptation Island. You must not betray your long-term relationship with taxpayers - a relationship of trust that has grown significantly since you cut spending in the early 1990s.

A short fiscal history

In 1990-91 the Alberta government spent \$11.5 billion on health, education, social services and other programs. Four years later, program spending had been reduced to \$11.1 billion. In those same four years, Alberta's population grew from 2.5 million to 2.7 million, and cumulative inflation was 14.4%.

From 1990 to 1994, real per capita program spending was cut by more than one fifth.

But five years later, spending was back up to 1990 levels again. In 1999-2000 the government spent \$16.3 billion on programs, for a population just under three million. This past fiscal year of 2000-01, the government spent \$18.2 billion.

Translated into 2001 constant dollars, program spending per Albertan was \$5,850 in 1990. After four years of cuts, it was down to \$4,641. By 1999, it was back up to Don Getty levels, at \$5,850 per Albertan. This past year, program spending went even higher: \$6,285 per Albertan, in 2001 tax dollars.

Highest spending in Canada!

In 2000-01, Alberta spent more per person than NDP governments in B.C., Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. More per person than the Ontario Tories and the Parti Quebecois in la belle

province. More than Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Only the government of P.E.I. spent slightly more per person than Alberta, but it receives 45 cents from Ottawa for every dollar it spends on programs. In contrast, Ottawa gives us less than 10 cents for every dollar the Alberta government spends on provincial programs.

Oil prices will come down

Only three years ago, the Alberta government received \$2.4 billion in oil and gas revenues. From 1990 to 1996, revenues from oil and gas averaged \$2.6 billion per year. Your budget should factor \$2.5 billion of resource revenues into program spending. All the rest (nobody knows for sure what that number might be) should go to debt repayment.

Eliminating income tax

If government spending rises yet again, Albertans will keep on paying income tax forever. It doesn't have to be that way. Once the debt is paid off, excess oil and gas revenues should go to the Heritage Fund. Once the Heritage Fund reaches \$55 billion, it will produce enough income to replace what the government takes from Albertans in income tax.

\$19.2 billion is enough

Your government is already spending 7% more per person on programs, in real terms, than Don Getty was in 1990. Alberta is already the highest spending province in Canada. Why not keep spending at 2000-01 levels, with increases limited to inflation and population growth? Program spending for 2001-02 should not exceed \$19.2 billion.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Is Alberta's progress going to be sustainable?

To the Editor:

What should we make of the flurry of media attention to our report Alberta Sustainability Trends 2000 released Monday April 23, 2001? Having heard both positive and negative response to our report, which examines 40 years of trends in 51 indicators of the condition of well-being of Albertans, suggests we are resonating with Albertans and Canadians. The response suggests that our study is achieving what we had hoped -- to raise awareness and engage Albertans in an informed discussion about their historical well-being, their present conditions of life and ask "Where do we go from here?"

Critics suggest that something is missing in our accountancy; that we should have compared Alberta to other provinces for relative standing. In any examination of quality of life, both beauty and blemishes are in the eye of the beholder. The main objective of our study was to design a new GPI (genuine progress indicators) Sustainable Well-being Accounting System by which society could examine itself in the mirror of history. This examination would provide us answers to important questions: 1) "Are we better off than past generations?" and 2) "Are we on a sustainable course?" Or are we eroding, as Robert Kennedy once said, the conditions that make life worthwhile? These are profoundly important questions that require an honest and personal examination of ourselves before we can compare with others.

While comparing ourselves

with other provinces is useful and important, our intent was to first examine Alberta's own reflection in the mirror of GPI evidence. Our focus is on trends over time as opposed to relative position with our neighbours. If we don't know where we came from and where we are today, how can we discuss a vision for tomorrow? Our GPI accounts are like a full medical checkup that extends over 40 years of life. Should we care about our neighbours blood pressure, income, marital relations and time with the kids? Possibly. However, what we really want to know from the doctor is how are we doing today relative to yesterday and where can we make changes in our lifestyles to improve or sustain our well-being. The GPI accounts are no different.

Our research also sought to address a long-standing paradox in the measures of economic progress using indicators like the GDP. I remind my students at the University of Alberta that the word "economics" comes from the Greek *oikonomia* meaning the stewardship of the household. The word "wealth" comes from the Old English meaning "the condition of well-being." Thus real economists should be concerned with measuring the condition of all capital or real wealth human, social, natural and produced capital. Just like a doctor measures the condition of his or her patient using a family of health indicators rather than simply one's blood pressure. Economist John Kenneth Galbraith reminds

economists that there is a major fault in measuring the quality and achievement of life by the total of economic production (the GDP).

It is fascinating to watch the Alberta GPI debate lead to the apparent need to compare us with other provinces. Perhaps this is human nature. So long as we are better than someone else, should we take comfort? If we are doing relatively well compared to other provinces, does this mean that we should not consider continuous improvement? For example, if Alberta had the lowest infant mortality rate in Canada today but today's rate is higher than in 1970, should we not critically examine what has changed? The challenge is to critically examine what conditions exist today relative to yesterday. It's not easy to examine the good the bad and the ugly of ourselves before we compare ourselves with others. Perhaps this why the GPI study has generated such a healthy and thoughtful debate.

There is no doubt that Alberta is blessed with endowments of human, social and natural capital. Yes Alberta may be one of the best places to live on earth, but let's be honest about our shortcomings. Much of our prosperity is due to exporting nonrenewable natural capital and developing arable land and our vast forests. From the trade of this capital we have grown monetarily wealthy. But there have been areas of well-being that have showed decline and the distribution of our wealth has not been as equal as we might have thought. It

is precisely because we are blessed with capital riches, that we have a responsibility to future generations of Albertans and Canadians for their stewardship.

The exciting challenge before us is not to ring our hands in dismay or glee over our relative standing in Canada. The challenge is to consider how to be better stewards of our human, social and natural capital.

This is the essence of sustainable well-being and sustainable stewardship. Stewardship goes beyond making money; it goes to the heart of what it means to be human. Stewardship is about the care and man-

agement of our households, the quality of our time, the health of our families and the health of our environment.

We have offered the GPI accounting system as a gift to Albertans and the world. We welcome and encourage Albertans to consider and debate the evidence of 51 indicators of progress over 40 years.

Isn't it time we considered a new vision for a sustainable future and new measures of progress according to the things that make life worthwhile?

Sincerely,

Mark Anielski, Director,
Green Economics
Pembina Institute for
Appropriate Development

Manure pile causing quite a stink during the summer in Didsbury

Hello Didsbury!

The weather is great! Are you in your yard or on your deck barbecuing? I can't again this year.

Today they just unloaded three 5 ton trucks of raw manure right across from our deck and back yard. They did this last year and covered it with topsoil, so he could come with his little machine and mix it and load it all summer.

Everytime the pile was opened we got the smell and the house flies.

Your Town by-law officer told me last year, the person responsible was going to move it but he never did.

Today, the same by-law officer told me that the person was going to cover it with topsoil until he could move it but he did not. He just moved the pile several houses down from us. It was not our intention to have our neighbour's summer spoiled.

Maybe you will wake up one morning to the same horrible smell and the huge house flies across from your yard.

The last word I got from your by-law officer today was "There is no by-law in Didsbury to prevent the dumping of raw manure. I hope it doesn't happen

to you.

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Sincerely,
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on May 16, 2001.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

NOTICES

1. From May 2 - 8 the Operational Services Department will be undertaking hydrant flushing & testing. Residents may experience pressure fluctuations & some water cloudiness. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department @ 335-8343.
2. Fire Ban in effect until further notice. BBQ's ONLY!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town of Didsbury Family and Community Support Services Board is seeking volunteers. This Board acts as an Advisory Board to Town Council. The role of this Board is to encourage, promote, support, and at times, initiate programs and activities which will enhance the quality of life for the people of the Didsbury Municipal area. The F.C.S.S. Board addresses matters pertaining to family services and social development within Didsbury and District. To express interest, or for more information, please contact Alana Hagel at 335-7369 or ahagel@town.didsbury.ab.ca

NEWS

County split on hiring communications employee

by Carla Victor

Mountain View County has decided to spend \$30,000 to help improve its image.

Council was split 4-3 when a motion was brought forward by Councillor Dave Derksen to remove the position out of the 2001 budget.

"Communication should come from the councillors, not some hired guy," said Derksen.

Councillors Diane Davies and Sheila Lockrem agreed.

"If I was a ratepayer, which I am, I would look at this as a fall guy for councillors," said Lockrem. When Council decided to look at ways of improving their public image, she said she thought it meant more open houses and communication to the public through council not hiring someone to take care of communication for them.

Councillor Gerald Ingeveld argued that council's image was badly injured because of a re-designation at Highways 22 and 27 and clearly they need help communicating.

"We went through a pretty bad time with 22 and 27.

"Information wasn't shared and the ball was fumbled. We had councillors under pressure, back-pedaling from what they knew was the right thing to do," said Ingeveld. "I don't ever want to be in a schmoose like that again!"

County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude explained duties for a contracted communications position may include preparing briefs for council and news releases as well as identifying communication strategies and policies.

"Having someone who could develop background and prepare information for the public, as to why some things are beneficial to the county and provide the reasoning council used to make some

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- Sheila Lockrem,
County Councillor

decisions would be a big improvement," said Johnsrude.

"This person is trained in communications where administration is trained in business."

The County will join Chinook's Edge and the Red Deer public school divisions, adding a communications position to their staff.

Chinook's Edge Superintendent Jim Gibbins said their new communications position

was created to focus on positive things the board does and to raise awareness of public issues as this is an election year.

"The main thing is we do lots of good things that people may not know about," said Gibbins. "We needed to raise the profile of public education in an election year and that is what the main focus of this position is.

Also, this person is trained in regards to what a good story is and if there is

a tragedy, they have a lot of journalism experience to deal with such matters."

Gibbins said administration is normally focused on official duties, a different set of eyes helps determine what needs to be communicated to the public and how the best way to do

it would be.

Johnsrude stressed to county council that this position would not interfere with communication between councillors and ratepayers but would work towards improving it, which is a main objective with this council.



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MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Council of Mountain View County proposes to pass a By-law to amend the Municipal Development Plan By-law No. 67/92 and Land Use By-law No. 55/95 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend both the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use By-law to require that developed first parcels from unsubdivided quarter sections must be re-designated to an appropriate district under the Land Use By-law prior to subdivision.

At 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, the Council will hold public hearings regarding the above Municipal Development Plan and Land Use By-law amendment to be held in the Council Chambers, Didsbury, Alberta.

Any person or persons presenting their views to the Council on Mountain View County at the Public Hearings to be held in connection with the proposed amendments to the Land Use By-law shall state their name, location of residence and whether they are speaking on their own behalf or for a group. Presentations are limited to five minutes; a request for additional time may be made. Only one presentation per person or group is allowed, with the exception of the applicant.

Any person or persons wishing to submit their views in writing to the Council may do so provided the statement reaches the County Office, Didsbury, Alberta, not later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, May 14th, 2001.

A copy of the above By-law amendment may be inspected at the County Office at 1601-15th Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excepting statutory holidays. Anyone wishing to see a copy of our public hearing procedures may contact the County Office.

Dated at Didsbury, Alberta, this 27th day of April 2001.

Harold JOHNSTRUDE, C.A.
County Commissioner

Mountain View County imposes first ever fire ban

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County issued its first ever "County imposed" fire ban on April 27.

Due to continued dry conditions and high fire hazard levels, and the request from four out of five fire county fire

chiefs, some fires have been banned in the county.

"Fires within the County are banned until further notice and existing fires must be extinguished by midnight - April 26, 2001. This includes charcoal briquettes, fire logs and open campfires," stated a release posted on the County of Mountain View's website.

"The only exceptions are fires which are contained in

cooking and heating appliances fuelled by fluids or gases, fires contained in fire facilities in designated camping and recreation areas.

"Any fire permits issued in this area are now void and no new fire permits will be issued until the ban is lifted."

Tony Martens, Assistant Commissioner for the County, said that the fire ban was more applicable to

the eastern portions of the county, but a ban was placed on the entire County to prevent confusion.

Martens said that local fire fighters have had to make a number of trips to extinguish grass fire caused by an unusually dry spring.

"The fire ban will be in place until we get some decent moisture or until things start to turn green," he said.

Chinook's Edge announces French Immersion Program

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) is pleased to announce that a French Immersion program will be offered in Sylvan Lake starting in September 2001. The program is a first for our school division, and one that adds to our diversity and opportunities for students.

"Students gain a great benefit from learning other languages," said Bill Chalmers, Assistant Superintendent, CESD. "As Canada is bilingual, and as society is globalizing, I believe learning to speak French will really pay off."

Currently, local children enrolled in French Immersion programs ride the bus into Red Deer. Beginning in September, at least 18 kindergarten and grade one students will have a chance to participate in French Immersion much closer to their homes.

The program will be housed in Steffie Woima Elementary School, in the growing community of Sylvan Lake. It will begin as a kindergarten/grade one combined class, with the ability to expand as interest increases in the future.

"We are really excited to see this development in our division," commented Dot Negropontes, Assistant Superintendent, CESD. "We take pride in adding another choice for our students."

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NEWS

Didsbury constable policed in Quebec City during riots

by Richard Westlund

A local police officer was right when he thought a trip to Quebec City to participate in policing the Summit of the Americas would be a change from his normal duties.

Cst. Steve Woolnough of the Didsbury RCMP volunteered to travel to Quebec City before the summit that was plagued with demonstrations began. And it turned out to be an experience of a lifetime.

"I went down basically for the experience," said Woolnough.

Woolnough was stationed at the Jean Lesage airport and was one of the officers that was helping with perimeter security.

The Didsbury officer was one of many Canadian law enforcers that travelled to Quebec City. It was a cooperative effort from many different police programs.

Woolnough said he got to

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- Steve Woolnough,
Didsbury RCMP

work with some colleagues he hadn't seen in 20 years from British Columbia and Prince Edward Island.

Woolnough said his duties at the airport where fairly distanced from where the actual protests were taking place, but that he and those working in the airport kept their eye on a television screen every once in a while to see what the situation was.

Woolnough had some friends that he knew that had to don gas masks because they were working within

close proximity of the heart of the conflict.

"It (keeping the peace in the city) went well as far as I am aware of. I was fortunate to be put on day shift checking the X-Ray machine."

It was an experience that allowed him to feel a part of a bigger effort, said Woolnough. Beside the collaboration of Canadian policing units, there was also secret service agents guarding the various dignitaries of the over 30 nations involved at the summit.

Officers, plain clothed and uniformed, could sometimes be seen in groups of 20 on a street corner.

Woolnough said that his visit to Quebec City came at a time when there was some unrest in the area. Notwithstanding the protests, Woolnough said the people were very nice to the officers

that were in the area helping out and were patient with their broken French.

"It was a beautiful city," he said. "I can't wait to get back to the area."



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Volunteers celebrated in Didsbury

by Richard Westlund

During volunteer week, in the year declared by the United Nations to be for the volunteer, a celebration was held in Didsbury to honour the spirit of those who take the time to help meet the needs of the community.

A celebration was held at the 5-0 Club last Thursday in which volunteers were invited for drinks and snacks, entertainment and speeches by the Didsbury Hospital in an attempt to thank them for their efforts.

Al Martin, CEO of Health Authority 5, informed those in attendance of the United Nations declaration but he believed volunteers should be recognized more frequently for their collective and individual efforts.

"I think it is something that should happen every year," said Martin adding that 7.5 million Canadians donate their time to a cause annually. "They help us achieve our mission and vision."

A statement was made at the celebration that volunteers come from many different ages and interests. The example of the palliative care volunteers and the Volunteer program at the hospital seemed to confirm that.

Michelle Papineau, who is in her fifth and final year of the Volunteer program at the Didsbury Hospital addressed the crowd and shared why volunteering has made an important impact on her life.

Papineau said she has had the opportunity to meet new people and gain new experiences from her time spent at the hospital.

"Everybody should take the opportunity to become involved," she said.

The Volunteer program allows students to see if they would like to pursue a career in a medical field. At the same time the volunteers are able to make a valuable contribution to the hospital.

Students who complete more than 300 hours of volunteer service and chose to pursue a related career are able to apply



Hazel Youngs (left) was named volunteer of the year at the Volunteer celebration at the 5-0 club last week. Also pictured are Dawna Faryna and Al Martin.

for a bursary of \$500.

The highlight of the afternoon came just after the Didsbury Hospital named Hazel Youngs their volunteer of the year. After being introduced Youngs, who was born in 1909 and grew up in the area, sang a song about volunteers.

The song, which is sung to the tune of "Bless them all", was written by Youngs to thank the volunteers at the Chinook's

Edge Lodge where Youngs now lives.

Youngs received a thunderous ovation for her song and the efforts she still makes to be a volunteer. Youngs is still able to drive her car and she travels to the hospital to entertain once a week.

Youngs, who spent much of her life as a school teacher, started entertaining at the Didsbury Hospital 15 years ago.

To our volunteers

A song by Hazel Youngs, sung to the tune of Bless Them All.

Bless 'em all, Bless 'em all
The long and the short and the tall
They treat us to music - the kind that
is right;

And bring a church service
On each Sunday night;
And the tuck shop to serve every lack,
From toothpaste to candy and snacks,
If something is missing or for some
thing you're wishing

They'll get and bring it right back
Volunteers, volunteers'

Our lives you have brightened for years
The goodies you bring

Make us all smack our lips;

Though (as we know)

They will widen our hips,

And the game coaches at every shift

Keep us active and give us a lift.

And this we can tell you -

It's more than a hunch,

They sure are a wonderful bunch'

Bless 'em all, bless 'em all'

We can't do without them at all.

Students are eager to help us along

With florists and artists

We just can't go wrong.

So here is a toast to them all,

They're always at our beck and call

For business or pleasure, in every

endeavor-

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR
VOLUNTEERS ALL..

Travel Feature

Alberta - Come play in our cities

by Elaine Davidson

Alberta's two major centers, Edmonton and Calgary are big cities without big city problems. These energetic Western Canadian cities boast a young and vibrant population, a host of world-class attractions and activities, in beautiful, clean and safe settings. It gets better. How about adding affordable into the mix.

A long-standing but light-hearted rivalry has existed for years between Calgarians and Edmontonians - each claiming bragging rights to the biggest, tallest, fastest, best, newest, oldest. . . Visitors to Edmonton and Calgary can jump into the fray and make their own comparisons.

Let's talk greatest and biggest

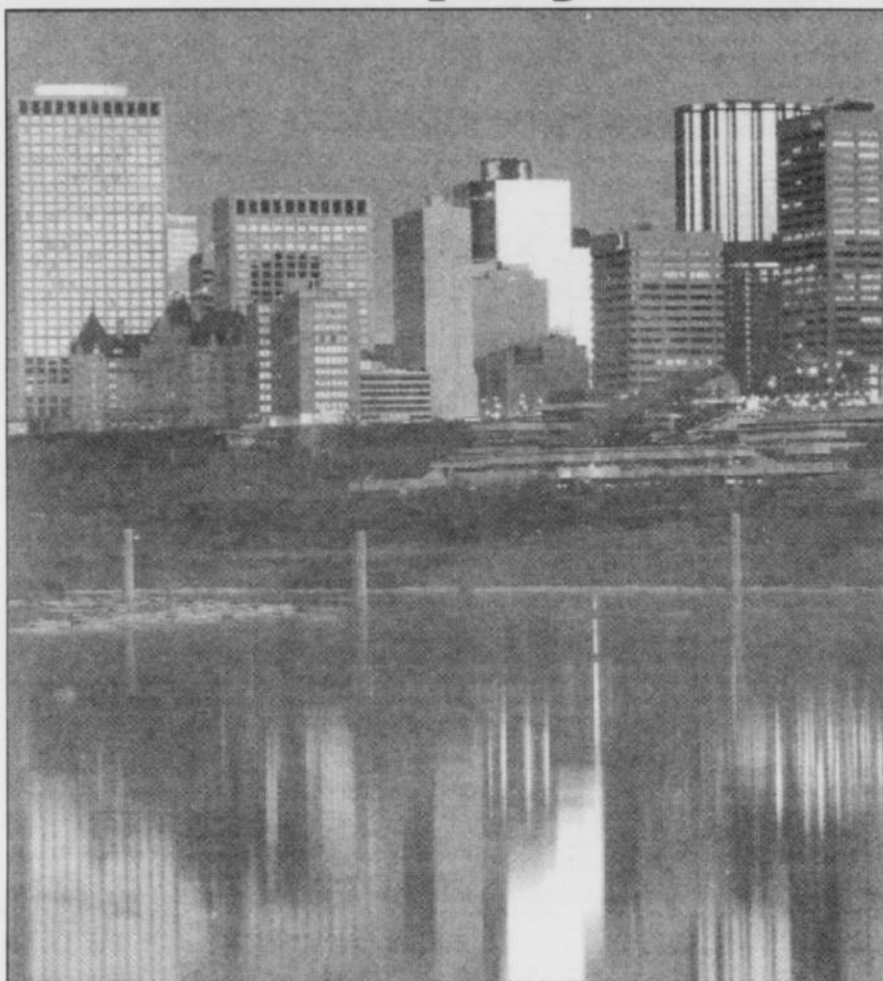
Calgary is known worldwide for hosting the greatest outdoor show on earth, the Calgary Stampede. Held in July, Stampede spirit takes over the city for 10 days from the parade opening to the chuckwagon finals. Although grownup cowboys and cowgirls enjoy the party too, scores of activities and events will keep little cowpokes entertained and happy.

Not to be outdone, Edmonton embraces its past as a jumpoff point for aspiring prospectors during the 1897 gold rush with its annual Klondike Days exhibition in late July. Klondike Days regalia is everywhere in evidence and activities include bathtub races, gold panning, rides and games.

You can't talk biggest without talking West Edmonton Mall - the granddaddy of all shopping malls in the world. "You want to talk big? West Edmonton Mall is Alberta's number one tourist attraction," says its marketing manager Travis Reynolds. "People come because it is a unique experience. They come to shop and play and stay overnight. It's the ultimate family holiday." West Edmonton Mall's big facts speak for themselves:

- Guinness Book of Records for both the largest shopping center and largest parking lot
- equivalent to 115 football fields
- visited by more than 22 million people a year
- its Galaxyland Amusement Park is the world's largest indoor amusement park
- Deep SeaAdventure offers a submarine voyage around the world's largest indoor lake
- World Waterpark adds more "world's largest" titles to the list with its fantastic indoor wave pool and the only indoor bungee jump in the world
- the mall's Ice Palace included an NHL sized ice arena
- state-of-the-art Top-Flite Sky Range lets visitors drive golf balls year-round on the mall's roof
- Fantasyland Hotel, inside the mall, features fun theme rooms

Calgary takes kids outside for their thrills. Calaway Park, Western Canada's largest outdoor amusement park is a great way to spend a cotton-candy



Edmonton, the capital of our province, is home to the Klondike Days and is home to the world famous West Edmonton Mall.

summer afternoon. Or, inside, for one last ride before their plane takes off from the Calgary International Airport which now features SpacePort. Just opened, SpacePort includes:

- quarter-scale space shuttle
- an air traffic control tower
- a full-size bush plane
- five flight and motion simulators
- a chance to fly model planes
- play area for younger children

Edmonton's answer to outdoor activities is the John Janzen Nature Centre which is a focus for programs, events, exhibits and information to help awareness and understanding of nature in an urban setting. The Centre features an active working beehive, a living pond community, nature trails and a gift shop. The striking glass pyramids of Edmonton's Muttart Conservatory is an indoor retreat for cool rainy days. It's always summer-warm and the display gardens even include a desert.

A last salvo in the battle of the bias, Calgary's Museum of the Regiments is the largest military museum in Western Canada. Visitors of every age are enthralled by its lifelike exhibits.

Tallest

The Calgary Tower is a great place to get a first class view of the area stretching all the way to the Rocky Mountains. This

city landmark became world renowned during the Winter Olympics of 1988 when a flame burned from the top of the tower. The tower is 191-metres high and visitors are whisked to the top via high-speed elevators. There is a revolving restaurant 's at its top and a cocktail bar for those who at want a longer time to drink in the vista. Edmonton has its own unique way to get a bird's-eye view of its lush river valley. Hot air balloon rides are offered over the city and are a perfect way to experience a Prairie sunrise.

Fastest

Calgary puts an end to the tortoise and hare myth once and for all. The prize for the fastest vacation excitement goes to two of this city's attractions.

Race City speedway offers fast-paced, high-octane excitement for the whole family every weekend throughout the summer.

Canada Olympic Park houses many of the facilities used for the 1988 Winter Olympics and is the place to head to ride a bobsled on the actual Olympic track. In summer, speed demons can try the Road Rocket, which is a bobsled on wheels. Those more comfortable with virtual speed can try the simulated bobsled and luge rides in the Olympic Hall of Fame, a three-floor museum paying tribute to the Olympics

and its athletes best.

In Edmonton, The Valley Zoo was voted its city's best affordable family attraction.

The Calgary Zoo, Botanical Gardens and Prehistoric Park should be on any family vacation itinerary. The zoo is one of the best in North America. For many years the Calgary Zoo has had a no bars policy and whenever possible animals are housed in their natural habitat. A popular part of the zoo is its Prehistoric Park with life-size replicas of dinosaurs in an authentic setting.

Newest

The Edmonton Space and Science Centre opened its doors on a new universe of space and science education and entertainment in 1984. It has thrilled, entertained and educated nearly a half million visitors every year since that time. The Centre is in the midst of major renewal and upgrade project to be unveiled in the summer of 2001. Its Space Gallery is being redesigned, relocated and expanded. Forensics, Health and Environment Galleries are being added along with a host of other improvements to make the Centre truly out of this world. The "new" Science Centre boasts North America's largest planetarium and also features an IMAX Theatre.

"Through interactive exhibits and programs, the Centre will give children hands-on op-

portunities to work with science. . . to feel it. . . hear it. . . and smell it," says Syncrude Canada chairman and CEO Eric-Newell. "As a result they discover that science can be interesting, educational and most importantly. . . fun!"

Calgary's comeback in the newest category - Shaw Millennium Park has skateboarding fans peering over construction fencing in anticipation of its fall 2001 opening.

"We are proud of the fact that 80 per cent of the funding is coming from the private sector," says Michael Kenny, the manager of park development and operations for the City of Calgary. "The community support for this unique family park and entertainment stage has been incredible." The seven-acre park has three of its acres devoted to the largest skateboard park in the world featuring the world's first "full pipe." Located in Calgary's downtown, the park includes a stage and seating for 7,000 people for events, festivals and competitions. A children's water play area is included as is a youth park offering in-line skating, BMX biking, basketball, and beach volleyball. The youth and family-focused park is adjacent to Calgary's Science Centre, which features a hands-on science playground for children and adults. Its Discovery Dome features technology unlike any theatre of its kind in North America.

Oldest

Fort Edmonton Park takes visitors back to the fur trade and early pioneer days of Edmonton's past. There are activities for all ages - antique vehicle rides, pioneer children's games and even a 1920s style miniature golf course. All you-can-ride steam train and streetcar rides are included in the admission price.

If you want to talk old, Calgary's Glenbow Museum and Art Gallery specializes in the history and pre-history of Western Canada. A popular feature of the museum is its outstanding military and arms display including armor from the Middle Ages.

To see history come to life, visitors can spend an entire day or afternoon at Heritage Park Historical Village in Calgary. The village overlooks the picturesque Glenmore Reservoir and portrays life in a typical town of the Canadian west prior to 1914. A restored train circles the park and a lake paddlewheel steamer sails on the reservoir. There is an amusement park with genuine rides from the early 20th Century including a restored Ferris Wheel and Caterpillar. Kids love a trip to the candy store or bakery.

A final "oldest old" contender is offered up by Edmonton. The Bruderheim Meteorite - 4.6 billion years old - is housed in the Edmonton Space and Science Centre.

Beat that!

-News Canada

Dragon's Den High school travel club returns home from Greece and Italy

The DHS travel club has returned from Greece and Italy. The kids and teachers had a great time visiting historical sites and cities like Athens, the Acropolis, Olympus, Tolo, Greek Isles, Sorrento, Pompeii, Capri, Rome and

Florence. Much was learned about Roman and Greek history and Italian culture.

Sr. Badminton plays Three Hills this coming weekend. DHS dominated county play with the sin-

gles tourney, in Sundre on April 11th and doubles in Olds on April 9th.

Sr. Band is presently away in San Antonio competing and playing exhibition with other schools.

May Monarch starts May 2 and runs till May 11th. If anyone has spring jobs call the school to arrange for students to complete the work at 335-3356.

Jr. Badminton was

quite successful in their divisional tourney. Jen Gilbert and Brent Feenstra, Sarah Thompson and Jessica Lefebvre, as well as Laura Pochapsky all won first place in their respective

categories. Will Harvie and Jeff Clazie won second place while Jessica Suttmoller won 3rd place. Charley Thomas and Steve McMullen tied for 3rd place in their category.

Grade 3 class studying pioneers

by: Carlee Krebs & Ashley Nussbaum

The classes are very busy now that we are back in school.

All the Kindergarten classes are having fun learning about spring. "Happy Spring to everyone!", from the Kindergarten classes. In May and June the Kindergarten classes are looking forward to visiting a lot of places around Didsbury, they are hoping for many invitations to allow them to tour our community.

Mrs. Jensen's Grade 3 class is studying pioneers. This class is looking forward to learning about rocks and minerals.

The April 30 assembly featured Mrs. S. Brown's Grade 4 class performing "STOMP" and the poem "Perfect Pets". The Grade 4 class was then joined by Mrs. Jensen's Grade 3 class to sing "Kookaburra" and recite the poem "What are you going to do when you're 22". Then Mrs. Jensen's class performed some Multiplication Songs alone.

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter!

DHS lip sync and talent show

On April 12, Didsbury High School held its annual lip sync and talent show. The talent was varied from singing to piano playing. The winners for the talent portion was Melinda Garland in first place, then Haden Strangward and a band made up of Matt Urich, Dylan Boyer and Ron Bales. The lip sync was very entertaining and funny. The winners were Kelsey Keating, Kim Aarts, Tiffany Schumaker, Elizabeth Blakely and Lindsay McEwen.

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Melinda Adamschick

Student to become an International Traveler

In as little as 2 1/2 months, Melinda Adamschick will be headed for Germany. The trip will be one of the first overseas competitions she will participate in with her High School Band group, but it will mark only

one of many other travels she will make this year.

"In November, I will be traveling to London to work as a Ranger volunteer at one of main Girl Guide Houses they have there," Adamschick, 18, explains. "...it's kind of like a hostel where girls from all over the world come to learn about what it means to be a Guide and to experience new cultures and traditions. I'm really looking forward to it."

Adamschick will work in London until April 2002 when she will move to Switzerland to work at another Girl Guide Centre.

"I will be in Switzerland until November 3rd...and then who knows? I may stay awhile and do some traveling. I just don't know right now."

While the much-anticipated trips Adamschick will be making are fast approaching, the hours of work she has had to do in order to make her international travel dreams come true have been long and hard. "I've been trying to do this for the past three years. I really am looking forward to meeting new people and finding out more about Europe."

Talent Search on for the Didsbury Fair and Rodeo

If you are an entertainer, or someone with the ability to offer their talents to organize entertainment then the Didsbury and District Agricultural Society is looking for you!

Ag Society Representative, Syna Klink says their group is actively looking for individuals willing to provide children's entertainment outdoors at this year's Fair and Rodeo. "This is an ideal project for a youth group to take on," suggests Klink. "...they could set up a games booth and charge a loonie per try or whatever it was that they were planning to operate. It's a great fundraiser and would attract a lot of interest to our event."

Klink says while the Didsbury Fair and Rodeo (which runs August 18th-19th this year) typically does not offer midway entertainment, there's always an abundance of activities for young and old to enjoy. "The Ag Society owns a dunk tank, for example, and we would be looking for someone from the community to take this on as an entertainment booth for the Fair."

The only stipulation Klink says the Society has about community groups becoming involved in the Fair is that they are solely responsible for set up and take down of the activity. "We simply don't have the manpower to do all this ourselves. Who ever takes this on has to be able to work independently."

Attractions in the works so far for the Fair include a Superdog Team from Lacombe (Hot Diggy Dogs Agility Club) and 18' inflatable slide called the Astro Jump. "We will also be bringing back our cattle raffle again this year for 20 bred heifers or \$24,000.00 cash. We have printed 1200 tickets and will be making the draw Saturday night at the Rodeo." Tickets for the cattle raffle at \$50.00 each.

If you are interested in offering your skills either as an entertainer or organizer of your own entertainment booth at the Fair, please contact the Ag Society Office at 335-4494.



Syna Klink

Seniors enjoy a busy season of Bus Outings

If you are over the age of 60 and are looking for something to do this summer, look no further than the Didsbury 5-0 Club.

Florence Cawsey heads up the transportation section of the Club and has a full roster of Senior Bus Trip activities from which to choose from over the next couple months. "Right now we are in the midst of planning a trip to Stage West to see the Sound of Music on May 16th. We have been getting quite a few calls on this, but still have room if people are interested. We can take up to 47 with the Didsbury Community Bus," says Cawsey who has been planning bus trips for the seniors for the past seven years.

The road ahead promises to continue to be memorable for Cawsey and any of the seniors in the community looking to participate in one of the many tours she will be planning. "We are planning a trip to the Calgary Stampede again this summer to take in Senior's Day and then to the Devonian Gardens near Devon. Last year we went in the fall, but this year we are planning to make the trip a little earlier to take in all the beautiful colours the season has to offer," explains Cawsey. "This September we will be making a trip to Spruce Meadows. It should be a fun time." So far this year Cawsey has organized Community Bus trips to Rosebud, Cereal, and Crossfield - two of which were singing group engagements. "Last year we went to Bragg Creek, Bow Falls and the Kananaskis Lodge. It was absolutely wonderful. Very enjoyable."

Anyone interested in participating in the Stage West Trip to see the Sound of Music can call Cawsey at 335-3327 to book a spot. The bus will leave at 10 am May 16th.



Florence Cawsey

Brander Family celebrates Four Generations

Few family lineages are able to realize the odyssey of four generations. Few that is, except when you consider the Branders of Didsbury.

Sandy (85) and Elsie (80) Brander - long time Didsbury residents - had 10 children of their own, from which stemmed numerous grandchildren and up to 25 great-grandchildren.



The Branders

The family continued this way for many years until March 10, 2001 when the Branders officially became a four-generation phenomenon. That is when baby boy, Koby, was born to Jason and Jolene Brander of Airdrie. Jason is the son of Doug Brander, son of Sandy and Elsie. He also resides in Didsbury. "He (Koby) is definitely a Brander! He is the spitting image of his father," says Mom, Jolene Brander. "He was a big boy, 9 lbs, 6 1/2 oz. and just looks like he belongs to the family. He'd fit right in." Jolene, who has been married to Jason for three years this summer also have a daughter, Rylee, who is two.

"The Branders are all such a close-knit family...all so very generous and kind. They are really the best people you could ever meet. I never thought about it before, but is pretty amazing that four generations are still alive. I'm very fortunate to be part of this," says Jolene.

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Didsbury celebrates second annual Arbor Day

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Arbor Day is more than just a day to plant trees. It is a time to create awareness of the need to plant and care for our greenspaces and tree canopies all year round. It is a day to celebrate the important roles that trees play in all our lives, now and in the future.

Many of us consider trees only as a source of the products we derive from them such as wood, paper, oils, fruit and nuts, or as an aesthetically pleasing addition to our landscapes. Seldom do we stop to realize that trees provide a wide variety of economic and environmental benefits, some of which are crucial to our well-being. These benefits include:

Air:

Trees reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and produce oxygen.

Ash, dust, and pollen are trapped and fine particles and smog are filtered by a tree's foliage.

Soil:

Tree roots anchor the soil, which helps to prevent topsoil loss from wind and rain. The roots and canopy of trees allow rain to percolate into the ground, which reduces run-off and flooding. Decomposition of fallen leaves and needles provides valuable nutrients to the soil.

Water:
In addition to reducing soil erosion, trees aid in the prevention of harmful soil borne contaminants getting into our waterways.

In addition to reducing run-off, trees provide the means for continual replenishment of our

groundwater supplies.

Noise levels:

Various tree parts reduce sound intensities by absorbing and deflecting sound waves in different directions. A 100-foot width of trees can absorb up to 12 decibels of sound, which makes a significant reduction in noise levels.

Utility Costs:

If correctly placed, a tree, such as an evergreen, will provide wind protection and insulation. This can reduce home heating costs in the winter. In the summer, a deciduous tree,

when properly placed, provides shade to roofs and walls thereby reducing air conditioning expenses.

Property Values:

The beauty of a landscape increases with the addition of trees, which in turn increases the value of the property.

For public landscapes, the addition of trees breaks up the monotony of common building materials like cement and asphalt. Often this will attract more people, such as customers and tourists, than

an area containing no trees.

Recreational Places:

Trees provide valuable play areas where children can see and appreciate nature.

Birds and small animals often use trees for shelter, nesting and food storage. This provides an additional chance at contact with nature at work.

A grove of trees can help to hide unsightly areas like garbage dumps and highways as well as separating areas of different uses such as playgrounds adjacent to

parking lots

Trees contribute to cleaner air, lower energy costs and reduced noise levels. They provide increased protection to our soil and water resources. They increase property values and provide enhancement and beautification of our urban environments and habitats for our wildlife.

You can make a difference by planting and caring for just a single tree.

May 5th, 2001 is the Didsbury 2nd Annual Arbor Day!

Come and join in the celebration at the Habitat Renewal Site north of Westglen School.

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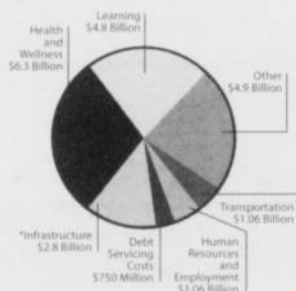
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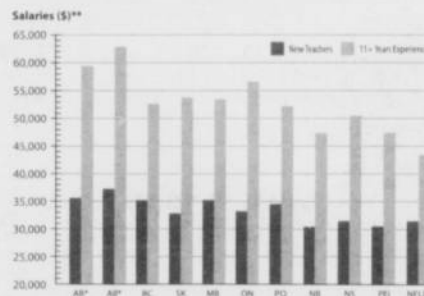
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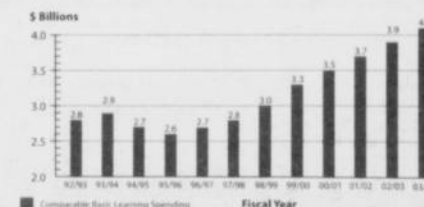


* Alberta's salary amount will include a 4% salary increase for the 2001/02 school year and a 2% salary increase for the 2002/03 school year.

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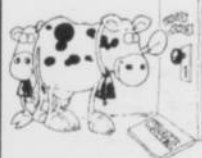
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Cultural exchange program seeks host families

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enthusiasm, academic achievement, and interest in learning about Canada's unique history and culture. All students provide their own spending money, are fully covered by private health, accident and travel insurance, and expect to participate in normal family activities including household chores and occasional babysitting. The students will arrive in late August and return at the

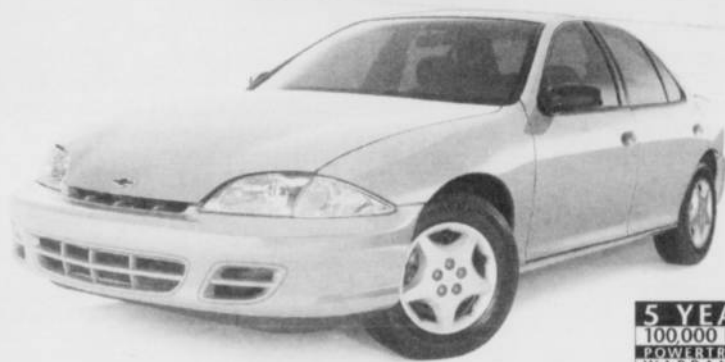
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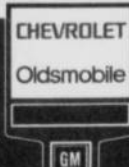
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Unique new gallery to feature local artists



New owner of the Guilded Gallery Amy Dykstra is providing an opportunity for local artists to be showcased.

by Shelley Brotsma

Local artists have a unique place to feature their work in Didsbury with the opening of the Guilded Gallery in Victoria Square Mall.

Owner/operator Amy Dykstra says once her business (formerly the Art Circle) becomes fully established she hopes to showcase a "featured artist" each month. "I want to be able to close the shop each Monday and use this day to research various local artists in the vicinity. There are just so many talented people in this area. It would be great to display a good sampling of all that is available." In addition to featuring art that Amy describes as "not mainstream", the Guilded Gallery will also offer custom framing services.

Amy became interested in taking over the framing and art business originally established by Art Circle owner Rick Lily after being presented with the idea shortly before he was about to advertise the sale of the business. "He came over to my Mom's store (Ribbon & Bows) and asked if we would be interested...it took me about 15 minutes and I got back to him and told him yes," says Amy who is a recent graduate of Mount Royal College's Kinesiology Program. "I really just enjoy doing retail. I've been working at my Mom's store for awhile now and just can't imagine doing anything else right now. It's where I'm the happiest."

In addition to utilizing the vast amount of retail and display experience she's gained at Ribbon & Bows, Amy says she plans to occasionally make use of some of the floral arrangements and product to help showcase the artwork in the Guilded Gallery.

With all the planning and preparation Amy, her family and friends have put into the opening of her new business, grand opening celebrations won't take place for a month or two. "We need to take some time to get the business established first, before we start work on a grand opening just yet." Hours of operation for the Guilded Gallery are 9:30 am - 5:30 pm Tuesday to Saturday.

4-H show and sale set for May 23 in Carstairs

One of the largest 4-H shows in the area will be held in the new Carstairs Arena

by Chris Puglia

One of the largest local 4-H shows will be held in Carstairs on May 23 when the 4-H beef show and sale takes place on May 23.

The show will feature 70 steers raised by individuals from the five local 4-H clubs.

Prairie Partners 4-H Club, West Carstairs 4-H Club, West Didsbury 4-H Club, the Cremona 4-H Club and Big Sky 4-H Club will all be attendance at the show which will start at 11 am.

The sale will start at 6:30 pm following dinner.

Rod Hannah, the chairman for this year's show committee, says the sale draws about 400 people and the sellers usually get better prices on their steers than if they sold them at an auction.

As well it doesn't cost the 4-H members as much out of their own pocket as an auction would.

Currently all is set for the show. There was still some uncertainty as to where it would be held this year.

The committee was aiming for the new arena, but there were questions being raised on whether the facility would be ready in time.

"Our biggest concern (was) if it rains it'll be a real mud hole there," said Hannah.

If the new arena wasn't ready for by the 23rd to hold the show and sale there was still a chance that it could have been held in the old arena because the scheduled demolition had been pushed back as council considers possible proposals to utilize the building.

Rural Alberta Showcase 2001 focused on rural positives

Often, what is heard about rural Alberta isn't positive. Some rural communities are losing schools, elevators and other services, and many people involved in farming are struggling financially.

But, there are many positive things happening in rural Alberta, too.

The Bashaw Agricultural Society hosted an event designed to showcase and share these successes.

Rural Alberta Showcase was held on April 20 and 21, 2001, at the Bashaw Recreation Centre and the Bashaw Community Centre.

"Rural Alberta Showcase has three main activities: a community workshop, a trade show with a difference and a celebration evening," says Marian Williams, rural development specialist-business with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Camrose.

"On April 20, Twenty Clues to Rural Community Survival, a community workshop, (was) presented by the Heartland Centre for Leadership Development.

"The Heartland Centre conducts in-depth case studies of

small towns and rural communities that are surviving against the odds - towns that are off the beaten path, too small, over dependent on agriculture or are threatened in some other way by changes in population or economic realities.

"The profiles of many of these thriving communities show that what local people say and do is more important than the socio-economic factors that community leaders can do little about," says Williams.

"These towns are surviving because they embrace change, not shrink from it, and because they know the future is in the hands of the people who live there.

"The workshop will help community leaders, businesses and organizations learn to find opportunities where others may see only threats."

The trade show portion of the event was open to Alberta-based independent businesses that provide a service or produce a product.

The cost of exhibiting is very reasonable to allow small businesses the opportunity to

attend.

The trade show helped participating businesses increase their network of suppliers and distributors, as well as develop new customers.

The Showcase committee hosted an exhibitors' breakfast where some of these contacts can be developed.

Dixie Hodgson, owner of Kananaskis Food Processors and member of the Central Alberta Networking Group, discussed how this group supports the members and encourages networking.

"April 20th (was) a celebration of living in rural Alberta, celebrating successes in rural Alberta," adds Williams.

The first Annual Cheeseburger Festival was being held in Bashaw in conjunction with Rural Alberta Showcase on April 21st.

Community groups had variety of activities planned, including a bridge tournament, a cheeseburger eating contest and a Ugly Truck contest.

And of course, there was cheeseburgers, featuring local cheese and beef.

As well, a consignment machinery auction was held at the Bashaw Ag Grounds.

Value chains - a tool for competitive advantage

Agriculture, like other industries, faces a number of challenges ranging from increasing competition and decreasing margins, to growing consumer sophistication and changing demands. Value chains are one tool that agricultural businesses can use for developing a more effective response to the marketplace.

"Value chains are consumer or market driven, rather than commodity or supply driven," says Lori-Jo Graham, business development specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Olds. "The main purpose of chains is meeting a specific market opportunity for the long-term benefit of all parties. A value chain is the combined activities of primary production, processing, packaging, transportation, distribution and marketing. This may range from enterprises within a single business to a series of businesses working together to meet a specific opportunity."

The value chain concept

is built on relationships and communication, with vision, commitment, trust and respect as key components. Links of the chain work together to address consumer needs, drive out unnecessary costs, ensure the continuous supply of safe, high-quality food products, and increase value along the entire chain.

Members of the value chain may not necessarily realize higher prices for their products, but are very likely to realize benefits from stabilizing prices, and non-price issues such as efficient consumer response, long-term contracts, guaranteed supply and reduced inventory levels.

In Alberta, there are examples of value-chain development in various sectors. The new Global Forage Alliance, a group of commonly linked companies engaged in forage exports, has developed a value chain approach in order to improve efficiencies and respond quickly to the changing needs of the market. In

the grain industry, an example of a value chain initiative is the Canadian Wheat Board's Identity Preserved Wheat Program and Warburton's Ltd. (independent bakery) in the UK. There are other opportunities including specialty canola for specific oil profiles, processing specifics, organic products and others.

In the agri-food processing area, there are several examples ranging from potatoes, beef and chicken to food service specialty products.

Two major potato processing plants near Lethbridge, that together produce approximately two million pounds of frozen French fries daily, operate through value chain links, including the growing, processing, packaging and sales functions. The Alberta Chicken Producers have successfully established a value chain involving hatcheries, producers, processors and a customer, Swiss Chalet.

For the beef industry, value-based marketing

(VBM) and new alliances are providing opportunities for producers to develop value chain links. Some of the feedlots offering VBM programs include Western Feedlots, XL Beef, Cargill BEEFWorks and BeefNet. The Canadian Angus Beef program has been available in a limited number of restaurants since 1993 and continues to expand. A new initiative recently launched is the Highland Premium Alberta Beef Alliance. It is developing a high-quality, premium product that is fully supported by an information-based quality control system or value chain.

"In other specialty markets, such as food service, private label, specialty food and organic retail outlets, several value chain links are developing in order to provide products that meet strict consumer specifications and demand," says Graham. There are opportunities, ranging from small niche markets to large volume markets, for agriculture producers of

any size to compete successfully through market collaboration."

These types of business collaborations are not always simple and easy to develop. They do require the willingness to commit to a common vision, a significant investment of resources, trust, flexibility and the ability to motivate others. However, they do

pay. Increasing profitability while reducing risk is the ultimate reward of every successful value chain.

This is article eight of a 10-part series on Moving Towards a Market Focus. Previous articles in the series are available on the Alberta Agriculture website at: <www.agric.gov.ab.ca/diversify>

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In particular, selling high quality securities and mutual funds in the face of a bear market is almost always a mistake.

2. Pay attention to quality: Companies with long track records of earnings growth, solid core businesses and excellent management have dealt with difficult environments in the past and have strategies that are likely to succeed. This is a good time to review your portfolio and move toward higher-quality companies, selling dot.coms and others without earnings.

3. Know that valuation matters: Companies that were priced for perfection have fallen hard in the current environment, which has been less than perfect. In some cases, these companies are no better valued than before, because earnings have fallen as fast as stock prices.

Some companies, however, are good values, and typically buying high quality companies in a bear market has been rewarding for long-term investors.

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What's Hot What's Not and What it's All About

NC - Attitudes to colour are constantly changing. That's because the colours we choose to bring into our lives reflect our innermost feelings. There are deep psychological and emotional reasons why the Victorians liked to surround themselves with deep rich colours and textures - and why the colours they felt comfortable with would make us distinctly uncomfortable in our present day homes. Down and up-swings in the economy affect our attitude to life, which in turn dictates the colours on the mannequins in the store windows and eventually the colour we paint our walls. Life is ever-changing, and therefore colour preferences are ever-changing. Over the years certain colours or combinations of colours look very good for a while, then fall out of favour and are replaced by something fresher, newer, better in tune with the times.

Visit a thrift store or a flea market and you'll find yourself wondering why orange carpet and avocado appliances were ever considered attractive. But they were, and chances are they will be again.

Yes, the colour wheel keeps on turning, and just as out-of-date fashions (Capri pants! Bell-bottoms!) are revived and look good for a while, so out-of-date colours begin to look new again. Homeowners preparing to re-decorate find that their biggest challenge today is

not finding the time or paying for new carpet, but selecting the right colours.

So what about it?

The sun's peeking into the living room and it doesn't like what it sees - tired old colours, ready to be replaced by something new. What's hot? And why?

Jane Lockhart will tell you. "Red, turquoise periwinkle, buttery yellow, and white with just a touch of gray. Those are the hot colours, in my book. But when you're selecting the colours for your home, it helps to understand how current trends developed, what the various colours are contributing to the mix, and how you can use them to best effect."

Always something new

One of the strongest forces driving the colour wheel is boredom. We get tired of looking at the same old colours and search around for new ones. This is quite an orderly process.

"At any given time there are established colours, colours which are accepted by most people, and which usually reflect the mood of the time. And there are what we call 'influencer colours'."

Colours which work well with the established colours. They relieve the monotony, and some of them, in their turn, become the next established colours."

The speed with which this turn-over of colours takes place depends on a large extent on how

much money people have to spend. For example, in the late 80's, which were not prosperous times for most people, the established colours tended to be cold and on the gray and greenish side, and they stayed on the walls a long time. Prosperity began to return in the 90s, but homeowners were not yet ready to take risks. Accepted wisdom in the 90s was to keep the background and big-ticket items neutral, and to sneak in the colour which everyone was yearning for in the form of throws, cushions, drapes, paintings and so on: relatively lowcost items which could be easily replaced when other colours came into favour. Strongly in favour of neutrals

Scan a few decorating magazines and you'll soon see how popular "neutral" colour treatments still are. They provide a background against which foreground and accent colours can play. But Jane reminds us that the word neutral is often misunderstood. Properly, the term should be used for the colour which covers most of the surface of the room. If the walls and ceilings were painted black, then black would be the neutral colour in that room, and the foreground and accent colours would be seen within a black environment.

In practice, the neutral colours are usually pale - off-whites, beige, some tans. "More and

more, especially in Canada, I'm seeing yellow moving in as a very strong influencer colour," says Jane. "My belief is that, living in these northern parts with long and sometimes dull winters, we welcome the warm, sunny character of yellow. With time, it could be that yellow will become a popular neutral, a brighter form of beige."

Into the new Millennium

If the 90s were cautious, then the next decade may be a free-for-all. Colour is on the move, and what colours! A turning point for the new

splash-it-around attitude to colour was surely the introduction of the iMAC. Suddenly, one of the dullest and squarest of appliances became curvy, colourful and sexy - and a sales success at the same time. At first it seemed a fad, then as fruit colours spread out into bathroom accessories, table linen, sports wear and everywhere else it became clear that a new trend was upon us.

There is very little green in today's popular colours. Jane thinks we were greened to death in the 80s and 90s with avocado, forest, sage and teal.

Now we're in green-denial, and there's a lot of yellow taking its place.

"Personally, I think it is time turn up the contrast," says Jane. "We've spent two decades surrounded by very quiet colours."

Then a couple of years ago the excitement began to build. Now Colour is once again one of the great pleasures of life. We're learning to take risks, to try new effects which we have never seen before.

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Exotic hardwood flooring: is it right for your home?

(NC)—The recent resurgence of solid hardwood flooring has brought with it a whole new vista in the types of wood we are seeing used for floors. Back in the "old days", the traditional floors were manufactured predominantly of oak. As the product gained in popularity, we would also see Maple (Ontario), Ash and Birch (Quebec) because of the large quantities of these species that were found and harvested in these areas. But today, with the renewed popularity of solid hardwood flooring, many consumers are looking for new and different "looks" for their floor in addition to these mainstays.

And many of those "looks" are in the form species that are imported from areas such as Africa, Malaysia, southern Mexico and other parts of both Central and South America.

Although there are surely some interesting and pretty floors to be had with the new "exotics" that are available, there are also some precautions that

need to be taken to ensure that the product you install is up to the standards that will ensure the amount of years you would expect from a solid hardwood floor. One of the contributing factors to any high quality solid hardwood floor is the manner in which the raw wood is dried and conditioned before processing it into flooring. The level of diligence and quality at this stage of manufacturing will determine the ultimate integrity and longevity of the product. Sarah Paterson, Manager of Market Development for Janus Flooring Corporation, a Canadian Manufacturer of prefinished solid hardwood flooring, suggests that this critical element of production is difficult to monitor when it is not happening domestically. And the effects of inferior drying standards for the wood will most often only present themselves some time after installation of the product. "Additionally", adds Ms. Paterson, "many varieties of imported species change color remarkably when

exposed to sunlight. They darken, so it's very important that the consumer be aware that the sample he or she is looking at may not look like the floor that will be installed. Also, that the floor could change its 'look' after the installation because of this effect of ultra-violet radiation"

The only solution to all of the above concerns is to consult the experts. If you find an exotic species that suits your tastes, ensure that you get as much information as you can concerning the product. Where is it from? Is it imported as a finished product or is a local manufacturer processing the imported wood? What kind of warranty is provided? How old is the company providing the product? Remember, with the resurgence of solid hardwood flooring, many new players have entered the field. Ms. Paterson adds the thought that we should be cautious of any manufacturer who warrants a product for longer than they have been in business.

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Putting Canadians in a new frame of mind with steel

(NC)—Suppose a child had been building with wooden blocks all its life. Then one day, he/she is given an Erector set and told that he can now build things that are stronger yet lighter, create bigger rooms and the whole structure won't topple as easily. That's just what the steel industry has been telling Canadians - that building a house with steel means they get the strongest, most versatile option on the market, all at a dollar value comparable to traditional building materials. And whether Canadians are in the market to buy or sell, steel-framed homes offer great investment and curbside value.

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tions are stronger

The safety doesn't end there. Steel does not burn and steel framing will not contribute to the spread of a house fire. Additionally, steel-framed homes are not vulnerable to termites or other vermin, which means they do not need to be treated with protective chemicals or expensive toxic substances.

Beyond strength and security, steel framing provides attractive design options - including higher ceilings and larger rooms. Architects and designers can employ longer spans without requiring as many structural or load bearing walls or partitions.

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Laundry rooms are getting a new spin in the home

(NC)-The laundry room - it's never been a place that's been given much thought. Generally it's tucked away in the corner of your basement, out of sight and out of mind, until the laundry piles up.

For decades, the laundry room was considered just a functional place and not much attention was paid to detail or decor. Double-tub sinks and small faucets with not a lot of swivel action were the design norm. Today, like kitchens and bath-

rooms, the laundry room takes on a new spin.

The laundry room has moved to the main level and has become an integral part of the home. Generally located near the kitchen, it now allows a homeowner to easily combine family time with work activities. Convenience is the key to setting up any laundry room because it can also double as a hobby room, a mud room, a gardening room and a storage room.

Jacqueline Glass, a decorating consultant for

Delta Faucet Canada, indicates that many consumers today are opting to have their laundry rooms professionally designed with pantries, larger cupboards, built-in laundry tubs, space-saving devices and puff-out faucets.

After having completed many renovation projects, glass highlights some of the key areas to consider when building or renovating a laundry room.

Faucets

Since the laundry

room is considered the place to clean and wash, it makes sense to have a faucet that offers style, efficiency and most importantly, durability, to withstand the rigours of today's busy household. The Delta Faucet pull-out faucets are a great addition to any laundry room because they're designed to make your life easier and more convenient, says Glass.

Delta's model 750 or the new Waterfall or Signature pull-out faucets (with a 60" hose) lets you "bring the water" to the bucket, or the muddy mess, or the flower pot, without having to lift a thing. The spray wand of the Waterfall or Signature model is also ergonomically designed so it fits snugly into the hand, making it easy to access and operate. The wand's exclusive, all-copper waterway provides insulation from extreme temperature changes, further enhancing its structural integrity.

Durability also extends to the hose, which is constructed of rein-

forced steel that resists bursting and twisting in the line and can withstand severe water pressure. The Delta Faucet Waterfall and Signature pull-out faucets are available in a variety of colours and finishes, including its patented Brilliance finish which is guaranteed never to discolour, corrode, tarnish or scratch - an added benefit in any busy laundry room.

Storage Space

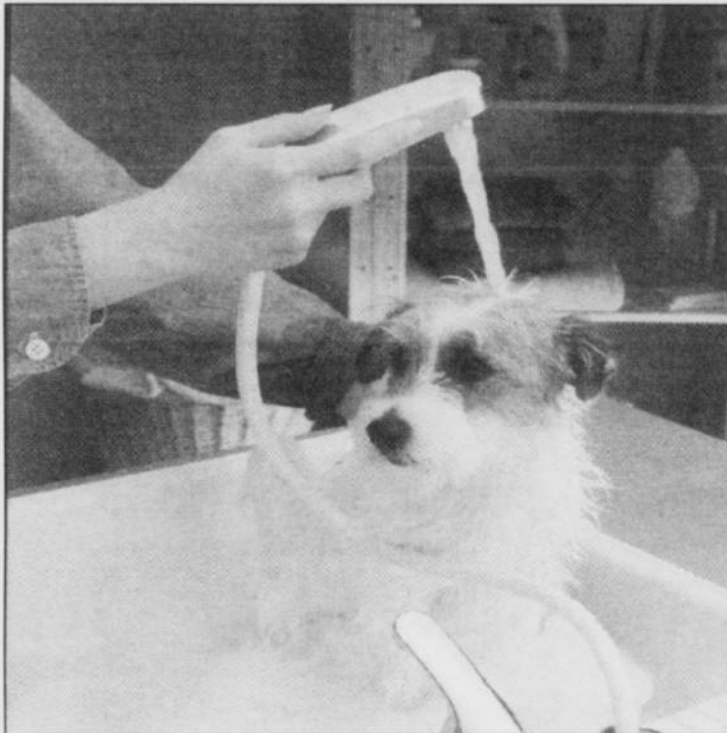
With so many household products and cleaners to have accessible yet keep out of the reach of children, storage space is a must. To help keep supplies organized, consider open shelves, pull-out drawers and cabinets. For the time-consuming task of sorting clothes, consider having three baskets for whites, colours and delicates; for additional space, consider baskets or bins that stack. After the laundry is done, hideaway or sliding ironing boards and pull-out counters are great for folding and ironing. Since space may be tight, there

are many stackable washer and dryer models from which to choose.

Flooring

If the laundry room is doubling as the mud room or gardening room. It's important to lay down durable flooring that can be easily washed and made from a material that won't sustain permanent or costly damage, in case of leaks or spills. Vinyl and ceramic are two good choices and avoid hard wood that can buckle or rot with too much exposure to water. You may also want to consider light-coloured flooring to give the impression of more space in a small laundry room and to avoid the possibility of stains if bleach falls.

Although the laundry room is still considered primarily functional, homeowners are paying more attention to their visual appeal, making them as stylish as they are practical. With many choices and design options, a homeowner can re-design the laundry room to suit their budget and needs.



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Getting their kicks ...

The Didsbury Under 16 soccer team hit the field for a practice session on Sunday afternoon. League play has already started for many soccer teams and playoffs will take place in June.

College hands claim national championships

by Barry Williams

College hands from across western Canada were riding and roping towards national championships at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo held in Olds recently.

Over 100 participants competed at the Finals Rodeo, which crowned champions in saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, ladies barrel racing, breakaway roping, pole bending and goat bending.

The top ten contestants in each event at the conclusion of the rodeo season, which included sanctioned rodeos held by National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association members.

When the final buzzer of the rodeo sounded, the Olds College Rodeo Club walked away with its second consecutive overall club championship.

Darcy Wallace of the Olds College Rodeo Club was the best bull dogger capturing the steer wrestling event, while team mates Dean Edge and Jesse Jorgenson won the team roping competition.

Leaving the infield as the All Around Cowboy was Matt Roy, of Lakeland College with Aleesa Nelson, of Lethbridge College, tipping her hat to the crowd as All Around Cowgirl.

Roy won two roughstock events, the bull riding and the saddle bronc riding, while Nelson won the break away roping and placed in the pole bending.

Displaying a lightning quick lasso over the three rounds was Tighe Pugh, of Red Deer College, who won the calf roping with the quickest barrel racer being Deana Lyle, of Red Deer.

The top bareback rider was Kyle Golinsky, of Edmonton. Crystal Hemming, of Lakeland College, won the pole bending and Erin Emerson, of Lethbridge College, was the goat tying champion.

Grizzly Tyler Brosz a finalist for junior player of the year award

Jeff Legue, Morgan Cey and Tyler Brosz are the finalists for the Royal Bank/Canadian Junior 'A' Hockey League player of the year award.

Brosz tied for second in the AJHL with 114 points, including 66 assists, in 64 regular-season games. He tied for sixth in the CJAHL with his point total and tied for eighth in the CJAHL in assists.

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound Brosz was voted the AJHL's most valuable player and most dedicated player. He helped his team finish second in the Rogers AT & T Wireless South Division and third overall.

Brosz, who is from Black Diamond, Alta., has committed to the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in 2001-2002.

Legue, Cey and Brosz are also heavily involved in community activities.

Rookie centre Mike Comrie of the Edmonton Oilers of the National Hockey League and left winger Dany Heatley are among the previous recipients of the CJAHL player of the year award. Heatley recently signed with the Atlanta Thrashers of the NHL.

Comrie led the CJAHL in scoring with 60 goals, 78 assists and 138 points in 58 regular-season games when he was with the St. Albert Saints of the AJHL in 1997-98.

Heatley established AJHL rookie scoring records when he had 70 goals and 126 points in 60 regular-season games with the Calgary Canucks in 1998-99.

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OBITUARY

ST. CLAIR, Earl Edwin: passed away at the Didsbury Nursing Home April 21, 2001 at the age of 85 years. Earl was born on July 26, 1915 at the family farm east of Didsbury to Ernest and Ethel St. Clair, the third of nine brothers and sisters. Earl was predeceased by his wife Jean in 1984 and brothers: Scottie, Ben, Art and Warren, as well as brother-in-laws: Allan, Bob and Harry Blois, and nephews: Wayne St. Clair and Darryl and Bryan Blois. Earl farmed east of Didsbury and married Jean on April 6, 1944. Together they raised three daughters: Fern, Eileen and Judy. He retired to Didsbury in 1972 only to continue working in the cement business and then with Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance. Afterwards he enjoyed trips to Las Vegas, Phoenix and California. He was happiest with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by his three daughters: Fern of Redwood Meadows, AB, Eileen (Bob) Conley of Grovedale, AB and Judy Horne (Don Scharzenberger) of Androssan, AB. Grandad will be remembered lovingly by four grandchildren: Andrea, Bradley, Lisa and Nicole. Surviving also are two sisters: Aileen Templeton of Calgary and Doris (Bill) Arbuckle of Victoria, and two brothers: Bill of Didsbury and Bud (Norma) of Calgary, and sister-in-laws: Nita of Olds, Jan (Neis) Miller of Lacombe, Bernice Blois of Didsbury and Betty Blois of Wanham. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews from Canada, Denmark, Texas and Japan. Services were held on Wednesday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Didsbury United Church, Reverend Malcolm Proffitt officiating. If friends so desire memorial tributes may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation.

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I would like to take this opportunity to say a special Thank you to the Crew of the Didsbury Recreational Complex, who helped us make this year's Trade Show the success it was. Therefor: Alana, Tyrone and Byron thank you very much. Trade Show Manager, John Grimmon.

As Manager of the 2001 Didsbury Trade Show, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the grade 11 and 12 students that helped us out at this year's Didsbury Annual Trade Show. So again: Chris, Jason, Ian, Brett, Matt, Hank, Josh, Erika, Lisa, Stephany, Nicole, Debbie, Michelle, Shasta and especially Chrystal. Thanks again for all you did for us. John Grimmon.

OBITUARY

MOENCH, Elizabeth "Liz" (nee Reid): beloved wife and mom passed away peacefully at the Didsbury Hospital on Saturday, April 21, 2001. Liz was born in Charlottetown, P.E.I. May 29, 1948. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 26 years, Wayne; her son Russell (Laure); mother Rosa Reid; brothers: Danny (Kathy), Donnie (Colleen), Ed (Val), Paul (Lori); sisters: Florence (Rick), Craig, Virginia (Brian), Franke, Patricia Toms and Shirley Reid. She is also survived by mother-in-law-Granny Violet (Ben); sister-in-laws: Bernice (Reg), Marshall; Teresa (Darrell), Corbett, Lori (Elliott) Mecer; and very special friend Mrs. Styles. Also numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her brother Ronnie in September 1993 and her father D.B. Reid in March 1998. A celebration of Liz's life was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Didsbury, Alberta. In lieu of flowers, if friends and relatives so desire, donations may be made directly to: Rosebud Health Foundation (Unit 2) Box 962, Didsbury, Alberta, T0M 0W0, or Didsbury Fire Department Box 790, Didsbury, Alberta, T0M 0W0, or Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Calgary, Alberta. Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

CARDS OF THANKS

On behalf of myself and Russell, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the many friends and relatives who helped us cope during the recent loss of our beloved Liz. Thank you to the Didsbury Hospital staff - Unit 2, the many visitors, everyone who dropped off food, sent flowers, cards, gifts and made donations. Your kindness is appreciated and will be remembered always. Wayne Moench

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those friends and neighbors who generously donated their time and machinery to help us put out the fire in our bale stack. Thank you to the Didsbury Fire Department and the Departments from surrounding towns that worked so hard to get the fire under control. Special thanks to those who helped after the fire with your generous gifts of feed and support. We are thankful that no one was hurt and the loss was only material. Alberta and Debbie Goerzen and family.

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UPCOMING HORSE SALES: May 10 - Papered Horse Sale; May 11 - Saddle Horse Sale; May 12 - All Breed Horse Sale; May 13 - Bucking Horse Sale. For more information call Innisfail Auction Market, 403-227-3166. awna

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UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE, Sunday, May 13, 10 a.m., Ray Sequin, R.R. #2, Stony Plain, Alberta. West of Edmonton on Hwy. #16 to Hubbles Lake Road. The Canadian Carlsberg Show Harness, 8 horse hitch, scotch tops; harness and horse equipment; sleighs; cutters; wagons; and more. 2-40' mobile concession kitchens, fully equipped; bakery and butcher shop equipment; 30' x 60' X 8' wall tent; misc. farm equipment; plus more. Terms: Cash; absentee bids accepted; 10% buyer's premium. Viewing: Sat., May 12, 10 - 4 p.m. For more information: Spencer Auction 780-914-9152 or 780-921-2155 owner 780-963-8232 or 1-800-617-3478. awna

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HOUSING ASSISTANT - Summer Student (Full Time - 14 weeks) - Mountain View Management Board - MVMB is a non-profit organization managing seniors' lodges and apartments in the County of Mountain View. Duties: Conduct a cost analysis of contract services. Complete an equipment inventory for all lodges and apartment units and input data. Qualifications: College or university student - business major preferred. Good computer skills. Excellent interpersonal skills. Experience working with seniors an asset. Valid drivers license and access to a vehicle for some travel to sites in Cremona, Carstairs, Sundre and Olds. (Mileage allowance). All new employees must provide a criminal record check in compliance with the Protection for Persons in Care Act. Please forward resume by May 8, 2001 to: Mountain View Management Board, P.O. Box 399, 1704 - 20th street, Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0. Fax: 335-8404, E-mail: mvmbca@telusplanet.net **3-11**

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THE TOWN OF Didsbury recreation and Facility Services Department is looking for a Summer Fun Coordinator. This part-time position will commence approximately May 14, 2001 and will conclude mid-August pending sufficient registration to run the program. If interested, please send resume to Alana Hagel at Box 790 Didsbury, AB, T0M 0W0 or ahagel@town.didsbury.ab.ca before May 7, 2001. **3-11**

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SATURDAY May 5, at 1706 - 22 Ave. Multi-family. If weather inclement it will be held Saturday, May 12 from 9 - 3.

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MULTI-FAMILY garage sale. Thur. May 3; 12-5, Fri. 4th, 12 - 5, Sat. 5th 8 - 4, 1316 - 22 Ave.

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MULTI-FAMILY garage sale. May 4: 3-7 p.m. May 5: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Windows, doors, toys, bikes, misc household goods. 1429 - 18 Ave.

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27 LOST AND FOUND
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24 LIVESTOCK

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5-91

34 PETS

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3-21

35 REAL ESTATE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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MVCW Club

ST. CYPRIAN'S Church Womens Spring Tea will be held May 12 from 2:00 to 4:00. Come and enjoy the delicious dessert (some will be diabetic) baking and plant table, too

Annual Tea

Friday May 11, Annual Florence Nightingale Tea from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. D.D.H.S. unit 3, Dining Room. Everyone welcome.

Eldon Foote Hall

Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) is always available for weddings, social functions and meetings. Piano available. Jim 335-8193 or Russ 335-3756.

DIDSBURY

Bridal Shower

Bridal Shower for Vicki Brown, bride elect of Ryan Glover will be held at Bergthal Mennonite Church May 4, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Infant Nutrition

An Infant Nutrition Workshop is scheduled for Mon. May 7, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the Education Room of the Didsbury Hospital. To register call Public Health Nurse at 335-7292.

Spring Tea

Knox U.C.W. Spring Tea. Bake, plant and white elephant sale. May 5th from 2 - 4 p.m. \$2/person for tea. Children 6 and under free. Everyone welcome.

OLDS

Alzheimer Disease and Other Dementias

A support group for family and friends of persons with Alzheimer Disease or other types of dementias takes place on the first Tuesday of every month, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Olds hospital. For more information please call Lori Fuchs at 556-8549 or Melinda Hatfield at 290-0110.

ROSEBUD

Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party. Wednesday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Rosebud Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

DIDSBURY

COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Registered Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies whom share a common concern of managing funds sensibly. For more info contact Elaine at 250-832-7671 or Jan at 250-392-5474.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New spring hours: Friday and Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m. and anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Jim Neis at 335-3133 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Jean at the Town Office at 335-3391.

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Open Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. also Thursdays 7-8 p.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays.) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-2388.

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KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junkmail, plastic milkjugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

Accepting registrations to their social & educational program for children 3 - 5 years. No parent commitment or fundraising required. See us at the Trade Show or call 335-8818 or 335-8039.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible. Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

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AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, 335-9787 or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury and District Association is a locally run non-profit society attempting to co-ordinate volunteer or fee for service assistance. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

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